Text: Developing countries should engage in prior consultation with Steven Seagal over whether they should prioritize environmental protection over resource extraction.

It’s mutually exclusive. If we were consulting we wouldn’t be firmly determined, and “Resolved” implies a firm determination.

**Random House 10** writes[[1]](#footnote-1)

**[Definition of] re•solved** (rɪˈzɒlvd) adj. **firm in purpose or intent; determined.** [1490–1500] re•solv′ed•ly, adv. re•solv′ed•ness, n.

Seagal solves the aff.

**James 14** writes[[2]](#footnote-2)

If Big Oil comes to Arizona and tries to drill into sacred Indian burial grounds or protected wildlife reserves, Steven Seagal will lobby hard to keep their corporate greed at bay. And **Governor Seagal knows** exactly **how to deal with** any **dandy-suited fossil fuel fat cats** that try to exploit his state's fertile ground illegally **-- by drowning them in huge vats of oil**. Finally, **when the dust settles,** Mr. **Seagal will** stand before his stoic Native American constituents and **deliver a chilling soliloquy about the dangers of** pollution and **environmental degradation, calling for** the formation of a government agency that would oversee environmental **regulation**, limit pollution, and control emissions. Because apparently that organization doesn't exist yet.

Steven Segal is a cultural ambassador with political influence. Russia proves.

**Tau 13** writes[[3]](#footnote-3)

**Steven Seagal, cultural ambassador? The action hero**, martial artist and musician **attempted to set up a visit** of several members of Congress **to Chechnya**, but the lawmakers got cold feet at the last minute, POLITICO has learned. The congressional trip — officially known as a CODEL — to Russia is part of a House committee’s investigation of last month’s Boston Marathon bombing. The two brothers accused of plotting the attack that killed three and wounded scores are Chechen Muslims, who grew up in the Kalmykia region of Russia and later emigrated to the United States. Before the lawmakers left, Seagal, who has appeared to develop a relationship with Russian President Vladmir Putin and Chechen President Ramzan Kadyrov, laid the groundwork for a detour. “The CODEL’s visit to Chechnya was facilitated by Steven Seagal. **He has an established friendship with** Putin and others in **the Russian government** and assisted in accommodating the CODEL’s request to visit the region,” said Tara Setmayer, a spokeswoman for Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.). (PHOTOS: Celebrities and their D.C. pet causes) Congressional sources say that the proposed visit caused a split within the delegation, with several members uncomfortable about traveling into a region ruled by a Kremlin-backed strongman with a spotty human rights record. Along with Rohrabacher, the delegation to Russia includes Reps. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.), Bill Keating (D-Mass), Steve King (R-Iowa), Paul Cook (R-Calif.) and Steve Cohen (D-Tenn.), ABC News reported. The offices of all those members all declined to comment, citing congressional security rules about foreign travel. Several messages left for Seagal’s talent agencies went unanswered. The U.S. State Department declined to comment. **Seagal has been** in Russia recently, **assisting the Putin government with** a variety of initiatives including **a fitness campaign and an effort to lobby the U.S. government on guns on Moscow’s behalf**. And last week, Kadyrov posted a photo of himself with Seagal in the Chechen capital of Grozny.

# Net Benefits

## Healthcare

Segal is key to healthcare.

**James 14** writes[[4]](#footnote-4)

**Steven Seagal is a card-carrying holistic medicine man.** He has the ceremonial ponytail to prove it. And in the rare cases when cleansing your system of toxins just won't cut it, **he is also an accomplished brain surgeon**: [picture] A **skilled optometrist**: [picture] **And** a **licensed chiropractor**: [picture] **He's fully certified from the Bane School of Medicine**. People of Arizona, **your health care concerns could be wiped away with** one cleansing vote for Steven **Seagal.**

### Bioterror Impact

Universal healthcare solves bioterror attacks. **Sklar 02**[[5]](#footnote-5)

**Imagine if the first people infected in a smallpox attack had no** health **insurance and delayed seeking care** for their flu-like symptoms. **The odds are high.** One in six Americans under age 65 has no health insurance. The uninsured are more likely to delay seeking medical care, and [are] be poorly diagnosed and treated. **The longer** smallpox--or another contagious **disease**--**goes undiagnosed, the more it will spread**, with the insured and uninsured infecting each other. **Healthcare is** literally **a matter of life and death.** As reports by the American College of Physicians, Kaiser Family Foundation and many others have shown, **lack of** health **insurance is associated with lack of preventive care and substandard treatment** inside and outside the hospital. **The uninsured are at much higher risk for chronic disease** and disability, and have a 25 percent greater chance of dying (adjusting for physical, economic and behavioral factors). To make matters worse, a health crisis is often an economic crisis. "Medical bills are a factor in nearly half of all personal bankruptcy filings," We squander billions of dollars in the red tape of myriad healthcare eligibility regulations. Healthcare ranked second behind terrorism and national security as the most critical issue for the nation in the 2002 Health Confidence Survey released by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. The government thinks the smallpox threat is serious enough to start inoculating military and medical personnel with a highly risky vaccine. It's time to stop delaying **universal healthcare**, which **will** save lives everyday while **boost**ing **our readiness for a**ny **bioterror attack.**

Bioweapons cause extinction. **Ochs 02**[[6]](#footnote-6)

Of all the weapons of mass destruction, the genetically engineered biological weapons, many without a known cure or vaccine, are an extreme danger to the continued survival of life on earth. Any perceived military value or deterrence pales in comparison to the great risk these weapons pose just sitting in vials in laboratories. While a "nuclear winter," resulting from a massive exchange of nuclear weapons, could also kill off most of life on earth and severely compromise the health of future generations, they are easier to control. **Bio**logical **weapons**, on the other hand, can **get out of control very easily, as the recent anthrax attack has demonstrated.** There is no way to guarantee the security of these doomsday weapons because **very tiny amounts can be stolen or accidentally released and then grow** or be grown **to horrendous proportions.** The Black Death of the Middle Ages would be small in comparison to the potential damage bioweapons could cause. Abolition of chemical weapons is less of a priority because, while they can also kill millions of people outright, their persistence in the environment would be less than nuclear or biological agents or more localized. Hence, chemical weapons would have a lesser effect on future generations of innocent people and the natural environment. Like the Holocaust, once a localized chemical extermination is over, it is over. **With** nuclear and **bio**logical **weapons, the killing will probably never end.** Radioactive elements last tens of thousands of years and will keep causing cancers virtually forever. Potentially worse than that, bio-engineered agents by the hundreds with no known cure could wreck even greater calamity on the human race than could persistent radiation. **AIDS and ebola** viruses **are just a small example of recent**ly emerging **plagues with no known cure** or vaccine. Can we imagine hundreds of such plagues? **HUMAN EXTINCTION IS NOW POSSIBLE.**

### Kant Impact

Universal healthcare is key to equal freedom. **Korsgaard and Tomasi 12** write[[7]](#footnote-7)

Adam Tomasi  
Hi Professor Korsgaard!  
**What** do you think **about Obamacare?**  
  
6 minutes agoChristine M. Korsgaard  
A single-payer system would have been better, but it's better than nothing.  
  
6 minutes agoAdam Tomasi  
Would a single-payer system be universalizable?  
I am a supporter of your Kantian philosophy so I was curious as to what you thought  
  
51 seconds agoChristine M. Korsgaard  
**Questions of political policy aren't settled the same way as** questions of **individual morality - you don't just do a universalizability test on a maxim.** Political **institutions must be consistent with the universal freedom of everyone.** Some people think this means **Kant** would favor libertarian policies, but in fact he did not. He **thought that economically, everyone in the system is dependent on everyone else** - rich and poor alike - **and therefore was in favor of** some **policies** that involve **pooling our resources to ensure that no one is unilaterally dependent on other[s]** individuals. **People with huge health care bills are vulnerable to coercion;** it's already true that **many** people's **job choices are determined** almost completely **by what kind of health care is attached. So the enormous costs have turned this into in issue about freedom.**  
17 seconds agoChristine M. Korsgaard  
Philosophers can't write short answers,which is why I usually refuse to correspond with facebook friends about philosophy. Goodnight!

## Crime

Seagal is key to solving crime.

**James 14** writes[[8]](#footnote-8)

Steven **Seagal has been fighting the war on drugs for** many **years**, and he knows how to stage tough interventions on troubled young people who are starting down the dangerous road of addiction: [picture]. And **until Batman runs for office, no other candidate will be able to say that he has done more to personally rid the streets of crime** than Steven Seagal. **He has brought down the Russian mob, the yakuza, Jamaican voodoo drug lords, and the Aryan Nation**. He even teamed up with DMX to fight police corruption, and that is a sentence that shouldn't exist.

## Econ

Seagal is key to small businesses.

**James 14** writes[[9]](#footnote-9)

Steven **Seagal understands the plight of** the **small business** owner struggling to stay open in the shadow of Internet commerce and big-box retail chains. If elected, **he will do everything** in his power **to protect** brick and mortar **local businesses from** community-undercutting **giants like Walmart**, and also from the constant threat of armed robbery, **by heroically breaking** absolutely **all of their merchandise and causing thousands of dollars of property damage so they can collect** on **sizable insurance claims.**

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